



**Town of Mammoth
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE MAMMOTH TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON
JANUARY 15, 2015**

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Mammoth Town Council held January 15, 2015 pursuant to the notice required by law.

1. Call to Order

Mayor Jones called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

John Hill led the Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

Councilmembers Present

Vice Mayor Wickham
Mayor Jones
Councilman Brewer
Councilwoman Medina
Councilman Sloan
Councilman Gallego
Councilman Romero

Staff Present

Sharon Christiansen, Library Assistant
Stephen Cooper, Attorney
Steve Nash, Interim Police Chief
Rudy Burrola, Interim Public Works Director
April Lopez, Utility Clerk
Erica Garcia, Finance Clerk

Staff Absent

Patsy Large, Town Clerk

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4. Mayor Comments

Mayor Jones stated we have issues with dog control. Ladies coming in saying they can't walk down the sidewalks due there being big dogs out. Wants members of the community to pass the word around that it is approximately a \$300.00 fine. Mayor Jones let the community know we have had a dog down in the town kennel for the past two night and we've picked up another dog twice.

5. Agenda:

6D & 6E were tabled, will have a Special Meeting on those topics at a later date. 5A was cancelled due to Ram attending the 2:30 p.m. meeting where this topic was discussed.

A. Approval of minutes

1. December 17, 2014

Councilman Romero made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 17, 2014 meeting. A Second was made by Councilman Sloan. Motion passed.

B. Approval of Staff Recommendations and Reports

1. Interim Town Clerk/Treasure's report-Erica Garcia

Erica gave a brief report stating we collected a few figures, taking count on utilities that come in and we are bring in approximately \$38,000.00 a month, payroll every two weeks is approximately \$30,000.00, accounts payable this month was approximately \$43,000.00 and wires we have received this far in the month is approximately \$25,000.00.

2. Public Works Report-Interim Public Works Director-Rudy Burrola

Rudy informed the community we had a couple of short weeks this last month, two days one week and three days the next week. He stated the Public Works employees have cleaned up quite a few streets in town with weed eating and brush clean-up. They also prepared two plots for two funerals that were held in one day; the following day they went put back all the materials such as brick and stones that surround graves. They also put up an oversized stone that was approved by the Town Clerk, Patsy Large. The family asked to be present when the stone was put up, they were very happy with the outcome. The Public Works employees put a slab of concrete at Las Michoacanas Restaurant.

3. Library Report-Sharon Christiansen

Sharon started off by informing the Council 2014 was a good year for the library, the patron count has gone up, all general programs have gone up tremendously, and she's hoping that will continue to increase as we go. The big thing for December was Santa Clause came to the library. The year before the library had a total of 9 pictures with Santa this year we took 96 pictures. Santa was at the library a total of three hours and it was a solid three hours of people coming in to see Santa. Another big thing that happened at the library in December was the Junior Reference Section orders came in, \$4,000.00 worth of reference books. Pinal County Library District has begun tracking the wi-fi use after hours that will show up on the monthly report for the library. A tablet was stolen from the library right before closing one evening; it has yet to be found.

A. Attorney's Report-Steven Cooper

None

B. Senior's Report-Mercy Telles

Mercy stated she had a concern; her concern was her senior group was promised by Mayor Jones they would be left alone to continue to do as they've been doing. They feel they are being harassed by other members of the council. Mayor Jones told Mercy he would like to meet with her to try to figure out how we can all work together.

C. Police Report-Interim Police Chief-Steve Nash

Interim Police Chief, Steve Nash informed the Council he is still struggling with the loose dogs in town. Chief Nash has been the one catching the dogs on his own to save the town money. The fee for Animal Control to come out is \$90.00.

Councilman Brewer motioned the Approval of Staff Recommendations and Reports. A second was made by Vice-Mayor Wickham. Motion passed.

D. Approve Accounts Payable for Payment and Filing

Vice Mayor Wickham motioned to approve accounts payable and filing. A second was made by Councilman Sloan. Motion passed.

6. Old Business-Discussion and/or action on the following:

A. Adoption of newly revised Mammoth Public Library Policy and Procedures-Sharon Christiansen

Pinal County Library District requested the Library come up with a new policy because the one we currently have is outdated. It started out a small policy and P.C.L.D. disapproved of it, it turned into a 22 page policy. We added one in due to some parents having an issue with their children renting out mature materials, P.C.L.D. advised us as librarians we cannot be biased, we cannot tell patrons what they can and cannot borrow from the library. What we did to get around that was we put together a part in the policy that gives the parents the right to come in and fill out the paper that says 'I do not want my child to rent this or this or this' we can then put that into the child's card when the card is scanned for checking out a prompt box that tells us they cannot have these. That way we will be able to tell the child they cannot check that out. We thought as librarians we could do that just because we don't want a six year old child renting R rated movies, but P.C.L.D. informed us that could only happen per the parents request. Once it's been approved we can let parents know that it is in place and many parents have already said they will be in to sign it.

Vice-Mayor Wickham motioned to approve the adoption of the newly revised Mammoth Public Library Policy and Procedures. A second was made by Councilman Romero. A roll call vote was made

Councilman Sloan-no
Councilman Romero-yes
Vice-Mayor Wickham-yes
Mayor Jones-yes
Councilman Brewer-yes
Councilman Gallego-yes
Councilwoman Medina-yes

Roll call vote passed 6 yes to 1 no. Motion passed.

7. New Business-Discussion and/or action on the following:

A. Approval of Auditor's Report for Fiscal year 2011-2012-Colby & Powell, Scott Graff

Scott Graff reported the audit for Fiscal year 2011-2012 was completed with few things missing from the report. There were no instances of fraud found while completing the report.

Councilman Sloan motioned to Approve the Auditor's Report for Fiscal year 2011-2012. A second was made by Councilman Brewer. Motion passed.

B. Planning and Zoning Report- Diane Theobald, Chairman

- a. Approval to move forward to adopt an Ordinance regarding vacant property
- b. Approval of Manufactured Home Permit

Council decided to study these requests and discuss at a future meeting.

- C. Requesting labor from P.W. to add to the Mammoth Softball concession stand-Albert Mendibles

Albert Mendibles from the Mammoth Softball League stated 100% of all funds collected have gone into the league or the field. He informed the Council that the league has received many donations from different families. The league will accept all donations anybody wants to give; they will all be used for extending the concession stand. What he is asking from the Town is labor; the league will buy the material if the Council is willing to donate man hours to lay the block. He has spoken with Mason from Oracle that builds homes; he told Albert it should only take about 40 hours to build this building with two men. Albert mentioned he would like to have it done by April. He did not have an exact size on the expansion.

Councilman Brewer made a motion to donate 40 hours labor scattered from here until April from P.W. to add to the Mammoth Softball concession stand. A second was made by Councilman Sloan. Motion passed.

8. Call to Public

Rudy Romo approached the Council on the negative comments the community has been saying about the Council and the Mayor. He stated the Council inherited these problems, they came in and these problems were already here. He feels the Mayor and the Council is doing a good job.

John Opielawski a representative of O'Riely Auto Parts in Oro Valley, the Oracle and Magee location would like to get on the agenda for the next Town Council Meeting to address them possibly getting into a business agreement to sell auto parts to the P.W. department. The advice he was given before the meeting was to get on the agenda for the February 19, 2015 meeting.

Frances Sharrah thinks the Town needs a fiesta to help bring in people and help the town. She thinks all the town needs is to get together and have a good time with each other.

Alvaro Anaya thinks this town has so much negativity. If you're not going to help improve the problem, don't say anything. He would like to see the Town grow and get out of the mess it's in. He thinks all these things that are being said on the computer needs to stop, people are far as New Mexico are saying things about the Town, the Mayor and the Council and they don't even know what's going on here. We need to come together to be part of the solution.

Carmen Aguilar thought it would be a good idea to put something in the San Manuel Miner about the dogs informing the community they will be picked up.

9. Council Comments

Vice-Mayor Wickham wants to thank all the public and others that have been around that have heard her say for the past years since she's been here we want to hear any thoughts, good or bad, happy or mad or whatever, we need to hear what's going on. She thanked Rudy Romo on his comment. She had brought up at a previous meeting that she didn't like what was being put on Facebook; if the towns people are unhappy about what's going on in the town bring it to the Council. She would like to go back to see where the problem with the debt started. She brought up that there are no secret meetings being held, its miscommunication. The auditor's report helped the public see how the town is in debt. This will help us see where we need to budget. Words have been thrown around like 'bankruptcy and disincorporation' these are things that she would not even consider because we can do some belt tightening, we have our directors that are doing a great job in checking and saving money, in the Police Department and the Administration it's a learning process for all of us. Her eyes have been opened looking at this report. Please don't listen to rumors; make an appointment and come in and discuss these things with the Council and we will listen and do all we can to make it right.

10. Adjourn

Vice-Mayor Wickham motioned for adjournment. A second was made by Councilman Sloan. Motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

I certify that the preceding is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Mammoth Town Council's Regular Meeting held on January 15, 2015. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held.


Erica M. Garcia, Interim Town Clerk